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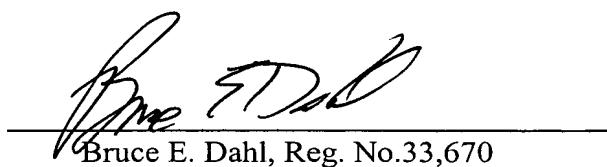
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Title: RECONFIGURABLE CARTRIDGE) Confirmation No. 6517
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CARTRIDGE RECEIVING DEVICES)
IN A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM)
Attorney Dkt.: HP 10001664-1)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
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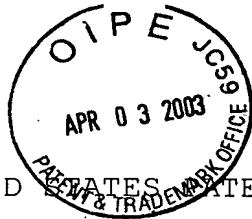
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, paper number 9, dated January 6, 2003, please enter the following:

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Claims 1-6 and 10-20 are pending. Claims 1-6 and 10-20 are rejected. Re-examination and reconsideration are requested.

In the Office Action, paper number 9, dated January 6, 2003, the examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 10-29 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 14, 15, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Menke, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,841,744 ("Menke"). The examiner also rejected claims 1-6 and 10-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kersey, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,870,245 ("Kersey").

Applicants believe that none of the currently-pending claims are anticipated by or obvious over the cited references and